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BEAM SPLITTER DEVICE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Request for Continued Examination application filed herewith, please consider the above-identified application as follows:

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